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1. CAIRO PRESS NOVEMBER 25 CARRIES TEXT OF FAHMY'S INTERVIEW WITH SAUDI NEWSPAPER 'UKAZ WHICH IS ALSO CARRIED BY FAIS (FBIS AMMAN JN 240855Y).

2. WE FIND NOTHING NEW IN FAHMY'S REMARKS. HIS MAIN THEMES WERE:

A. EGYPTIAN POLICY AIMS, ON BEHALF ALL ARABS, TO ESTABLISH CLOSE HIGH LEVEL CONTACTS WITH KEY COUNTRIES. HENCE SADAT'S VISIT TO UK, US AND FRANCE. SPECIFIC EXAMPLE OF SUCCESS THIS POLICY, ACCORDING TO FAHMY, WAS FRENCH DECISION PERMIT PLO OFFICE IN PARIS, "A RESULT" OF SADAT'S CONTACTS WITH GISCARD.

B. EGYPT IS LEADING ARAB COUNTRY AND HER STRATEGIC AIMS ARE ALSO THOSE OF SYRIA AND PLO. PLO KNOWS MOVEMENT IS IMPOSSIBLE WITHOUT EGYPT AND THAT EGYPT IS "THE REAL SUPPORTER" OF PALESTINIAN

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REVOLUTION. FAHMY ALSO CONFIRMED THAT NO REPLACEMENT HAS BEEN NAMED FOR JOINT COMMANDER EGYPTIAN-SYRIAN ARMED FORCES

SINCE DEATH OF EGYPTIAN MINWAR AHMAD ISMAIL 'ALI (DECEMBER 25, 1974).

C. ONE OF GOE'S PROBLEMS WITH USSR IS DEBT RESCHEDULING
AND SOVIET DEL NOW NEGOTIATING THIS AND TRADE ISSUES IN CAIRO.
BILATERAL TRADE AGREEMENT SIGNED LAST YEAR HAS EXPIRED AND NEW
ONE NOW BEING DISCUSSED. RELECTING GOE'S INCREASINGLY MODERATE
PUBLIC POSITION ON SOVIET RELATIONS, FAHMY SAID MILDLY: " WE
EXPECT SOVIET SIDE TO UNDERSTAND OUR POSITION AND SHARE OUR
VIEWS IF POSSIBLE. IF THIS IS NOT RPT NOT POSSIBLE, THEN TALKS
CAN BE RESUMED SOME OTHER TIME."
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